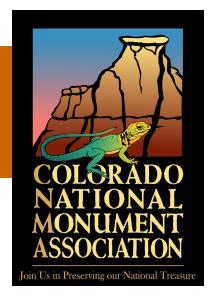
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- Denotes limited space; call 970-858-3617, Ext. 360 to pre-register.
 - **Echo Canyon Under the Full Moon—Wednesday March 27th, 8 9:30 PM** What's the big deal about light at night? Explore Echo Canyon with Ranger Nick to discover how wildlife, plants and even people are affected by light at night! Meet at Devils Kitchen Picnic Area. About 4 miles total. Bring a headlamp or flashlight. Please pre-register.
 - Spring Break Digital Photo Scavenger Hunt—Thursday March 28, 2 4 PM Bring your digital camera and an eye for discovering natural treasures! This family friendly event, led by Ranger Briana, will inspire you to look at the Monument with a fresh perspective. 1-2 miles round trip, easy/moderate. Please pre-register.

M42 - The Orion Nebula & Jupiter—Saturday March 30 at Dusk

Join the Western Colorado Astronomy Club for a look at the night sky. Weather permitting, you will see planets, springtime galaxies, star forming nebulae, and clusters. Telescopes will be set up. It could be cool in early spring, so bring a blanket and some hot drinks Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Approximately two hours. Advance registration not required. Go to www.wcacastronomy.org for more information.

☐ Investigating 'The Island' in Monument Canyon ☐ Online ☐ Onl

Wednesday April 10 and Wednesday April 17th, 9 AM - 2 PM Join Ranger Annie in a hike to the top of 'the island', a large mesa in Lower Monument Canyon. The hike will ascend sandstone ramps to a point directly across from Independence Monument. Desert bighorn sheep and golden eagles are just a few of the residents we may encounter along the way as we talk about the geology and history of the Monument. Strenuous (1,000'+ elevation gain, 4 miles roundtrip). Please pre-register.

Lunar, Jupiter & Orion Visual Observing & Photography—Saturday April 13 at Dusk Bring your tripod and DSLR for instruction by Western Colorado Astronomy Club in photographing the night sky. Weather permitting, you will see planets, springtime galaxies, star forming nebulae, and clusters. Telescopes will be set up. It could be cool, so bring a blanket and some hot drinks. Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Approximately two hours. Advance registration not required. Go to www.wcacastronomy.org for more information.

Chower Ute Canyon Hike Thursday May 2nd and Saturday May 4th, 9 AM − 2 PMJoin biologist John Moore and geologist Don Regan. Come see what's in bloom, plus find John Otto-era cultural artifacts and dinosaur tracks in Ute Canyon. This is a strenuous 5-6 mile hike with 800 ft. elevation gain and descent. Some scrambling may be required. Please bring water, lunch, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, and hiking poles. Pre-registration required.



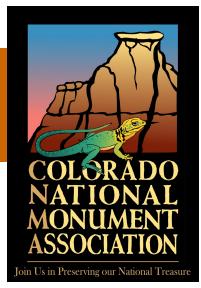
All programs are open to the public and free of charge. Participants on hikes will be required to sign an Acknowledgment of Risk liability waiver. There is an entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle to Colorado National Monument or use your Annual Pass.

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Fruita History Day—Saturday May 4, 11 AM—4 PM Join the Fruita Historic Preservation Board at Cavalcade, 201 E. Aspen Avenue, for a fun day of exhibits, slide shows, music, and photographs of historic Fruita and surrounding areas including Colorado National Monument. Bring in stories of old-time Fruita or old photographs and artifacts that you would like to share or have identified.

Chooking and Listening for Frogs and Toads—Thursday May 9, 5 - 7 PM Join
Ranger Briana to discover the amazing amphibians that reside in the Monument. 2 miles round trip; easy/moderate. Please pre-register.

Bird Walk in Devil's Kitchen—Saturday May 11 and Wednesday May 15, 8:00 AM Join Cary Atwood of Grand Valley Audubon Society for a bird walk that will acquaint you with some of the birds of the Monument. We will listen for and identify spring migrants as well as summer and year-round resident birds. Meet at Devil's Kitchen Picnic Area for a 90 minute stroll in the No Thoroughfare/Devil's Kitchen area. Binoculars not necessary, but helpful. Please pre-register.

Flute Concert at Saddlehorn Amphitheatre—Saturday May 11, 5:30 PM

Join local artist Tony Babbitt as he takes you on a journey of compelling soundscapes played on the native flute. From relaxing and contemplating to rhythmic and bright, Tony plays music that calms and captivates you. Tony will also provide some discussion about the legends of flutes throughout the evening and share songs from his recorded CDs in addition to haunting primal melodies created in the mood of the moment to honor the mild spring evening, the trees, rocks and wind.

Cactus Walk along the Old Gordon Trail

Thursday May 23 and Saturday May 25, 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon Join "Cactus Man" Don Campbell for this favorite annual cactus walk. Learn how to identify a variety of cacti, succulents, and other desert plants. Approximately 2 miles round-trip with an estimated 500-foot elevation gain. Bring water, sunscreen, and sturdy walking shoes. Please preregister.

Western Colorado Astronomy Club Annual Star Party

Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 at Dusk Join the WCAC for multiple observing sessions. Weather permitting, you will see planets, springtime galaxies, star forming nebulae, and clusters. Telescopes will be set up. Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Approximately two hours. Go to www.wcacastronomy.org for more information.



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